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## INVITATION

You are invited  
to attend the

ANNUAL COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 12, 1987,

Lieutenant Governor's Reception Room

(the Great Room)

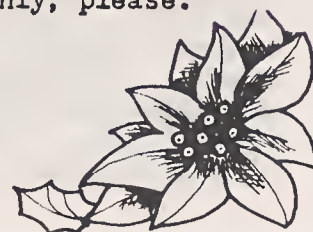
Texas State Capitol

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Uniforms, period dress, or  
semi-formal requested.



Members and their  
ladies only, please.



# Merry Christmas

Commander James Jordan, his staff, and this newsletter wish you and your family the Merriest Christmas ever!

Camp #59 does not have a regular monthly meeting the month of December. Instead, James and Linda Jordan will host our Ninth Annual Commander's Christmas Party. This party is open only to members and their ladies. Please, no children or guests this month. The location, time and other particulars are on the first page.

However, at the December meeting/party one small item of business will be handled. The Nominating Committee will present its slate of officers for 1988, and elections will be held.

We are indeed fortunate to have access to this historical location for us to celebrate this special season. We hope you will find the time to celebrate with us at the Party. And, a Happy New Year!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January always proves to be a busy month. Please set aside time now for these events: Lee, Jackson, Maury Luncheon (UDC sponsored), Confederate Heroes Day January 17th, Littlefield Grave Marker Ceremony January 17th. More information will be in the January newsletter.

## COLLECTING SCRAP IRON

In the trenches before Richmond and Petersburg iron was becoming scarce. Furloughs were offered as an inducement for collecting scrap. This became an active industry among the troops. So keen was their quest that sometimes they would start to a point where a mortar shell fell, even before it exploded.

## LAST CALL FOR FRUITCAKES

As it appeared in last month's newsletter and as announced at the Nov. meeting, the Ways & Means Comm. has made arrangements with the Collin Street Bakery in Corsicana for the camp to make some commission from the sale of fruitcakes for you and your gift list. There is no added cost to you. When ordering your fruitcakes, do not forget to specify your order should be credited to SCV Camp #59 in Austin.

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## STATES OF THE CONFEDERACY:

### TEXAS

After Lincoln's election, most Texans favored secession, but the Unionist Governor Sam Houston refused to call a convention or convene the legislature. Prominent secessionists published an address to the people and called for a Jan. 28 convention. Houston convened the legislature which authorized the convention but required a referendum on its decision.

On Feb. 1, a resolution of secession passed despite the governor and the opposition of some German and Northern immigrants. Houston was deposed in March after refusing to take the oath of allegiance to the CSA, and Lt. Gov. Edward Clark became governor. Prior to the completion of secession, Union General David E. Twiggs had surrendered all Federal posts in Texas to Ben McCulloch. It is a matter of conjecture what action would have been taken had Lee been the commander of Union forces instead of Twiggs.

Texans were represented in all major battles and fought in more states and territories than any other state's soldiers, North or South. Seventy thousand plus served the Confederacy in 58 cavalry reg'ts., 39 cavalry battalions, 28 infantry reg'ts., 13 infantry battalions, 30 artillery battalions, 1 artillery reg't., and 2 legions. Texas supplied one full general, 4 major generals, 32 brigadiers, and 97 colonels. One-fourth of Texas' prime manpower was killed or incapacitated.

Texas' two best-known units were Terry's Texas Rangers (in which Geo. Littlefield served) and Hood's Texas Brigade. Military actions in and around Texas included fighting Indians, Sibley's New Mexico Campaign, the recapturing of Galveston, Dick Dowling's tremendous defense of Sabine Pass, the Red River Campaign, and Palmito Ranch.

Kirby Smith formally surrendered at Galveston on June 2, 1865. Texas had clashed frequently with CSA authorities over conscription and cotton exportation. Severe shortages developed despite some trade through Mexico and a considerable expansion of industry within the state.

On 30 March 1870 the State of Texas was readmitted to the Union, the last of the Confederate States to meet readmission requirements.



### PARADING CONFEDERATES

It was a fairly cool morning and our ranks were in a way a reminder of the ANVA in the late part of the War, but the Sons of Confederate Veterans marched in the 1987 Veterans Day Parade all the way from Palmer Auditorium to the Capitol. And we were in line and in step.

David Morris, resplendent in his Artillery Captain's uniform was in charge of the unit. Sgt. Wes Schiwitz served as color bearer and proudly carried the battleflag. Greg Hector marched left guide in his Cavalry Captain's uniform.

We want to offer a very special THANK YOU to Wes Hardy who, even though not a SCV'er, volunteered to march with us playing a drum cadence the entire distance. How much easier it was to keep in step with a drummer in the unit. Thanks, again, Wes.



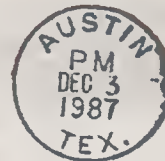
*May the heartfelt  
warmth of this holiday  
season be with you  
now and  
throughout the  
coming year.*

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